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SUBJECT: FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA IN IAEA: NY TIMES ARTICLE

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DAVID BINDER ARTICLE IN AUGUST 21  
NEW YORK TIMES. ARTICLE IS HEADLINED "OUSTER IS SOUGHT  
FOR SOUTH AFRICA," SUB-HEADLINED "BLACK NATIONS SEEK TO  
EJECT IT FROM AGENCY," AND DATE-LINED WASHINGTON AUGUST 20.

BEGIN TEXT: A LARGE GROUP OF BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES LED  
BY NIGERIA IS SEEKING TO EJECT SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE INTER-  
NATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICIALS SAID  
TODAY.

THE OFFICIALS SAID THE AFRICAN GROUP, WORKING AT THE VIENNA  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY, HAD BEEN ROUNDING  
UP SUPPORT RECENTLY FOR MOVES TO BE ATTEMPTED AGAINST SOUTH  
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AFRICA AT THE AGENCY'S ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE IN RIO DE

JANEIRO NEXT MONTH.

THE 109-MEMBER AGENCY, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED TO MONITOR AND SAFEGUARD ATOMIC ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS UNDER UNITED STATES AUSPICES, HAS NO PROVISIONS IN ITS STATUTES FOR EXPULSION,

AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID. BUT A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY MAY VOTE SUSPENSION UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE AGENCY'S 17-MEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD.

SOUTH AFRICA, BECAUSE OF ITS EARLY EMINENCE AS A URANIUM PRODUCER AND DEVELOPER OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, IS ONE OF THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS.

#### PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS

THE AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID THEY BELIEVED THE BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES WERE SEEKING TO OUST SOUTH AFRICA FROM ITS PERMANENT SEAT AS WELL. "SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY GROUP," AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL REMARKED, "AND NOW IT PROBABLY NEVER WILL BE."

THE OFFICIAL, A HIGH-RANKING SPECIALIST IN THE ARMS CONTROL FIELD, SAID THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAS BECOME CONCERNED ABOUT THE LATEST BLACK AFRICAN MOVE BECAUSE IT MIGHT SET A POLITICAL PRECEDENT.

RECALLING THAT TAIWAN WAS SUSPENDED FOUR YEARS AGO AFTER CHINA WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN ITS PLACE, HE POINTED OUT THAT AS A RESULT INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS ON TAIWAN'S EXTENSIVE ATOMIC DEVELOPMENT WERE POSSIBLE ONLY BECAUSE TAIWAN STILL ALLOWED AGENCY CONTROLS. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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